

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-38 (**Cancelled**).

1    39. (**Previously Presented**) A modular flooring unit of a discrete size and weight that  
2    can be lifted by a human, the flooring unit comprising:

3            (a) a planar matrix formed from a matrix material;

4            (b) a layer of reinforcing fibers embedded in the matrix material for reinforcing  
5            the matrix;

6            (c) a particulate layer that is mounted to a major surface of the layer of reinforcing  
7            fibers and is at least two particulate particles thick, wherein the matrix material  
8            surrounds at least some of the particulate particles for mounting the particulate  
9            layer to the layer of reinforcing fibers.

1    40. (**Previously Presented**) The flooring unit in accordance with claim 39, wherein the  
2    particulate layer mounted to the matrix forms the traffic-bearing surface of the flooring  
3    unit.

Claims 41-42 (**Cancelled**).